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GILBERT, ARIZONA

Growing Up Gilbert

2015



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Growing Up Gilbert

"I've been coming to downtown Gilbert for more than 30 years and now I'm raising my family here."

Ben Cooper, Council member

"I wanted to give back to kids in need so I started a teddy bear drive."

Emery Miller, Resident

"It feels wonderful to give back to the community that truly made me who I am today."

Dana Berchman, Chief Digital Officer

"I'm part of a team that's committed to safety and I get to help people every day."

David Tirado, Gilbert Fire & Rescue



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A Community of Excellence

Gilbert, Arizona by the Numbers

Award-Winning Community

Solid Financial Plan

High-Performing Government

Economic Development & Community Investment

Community Highlights

What's Ahead in 2015

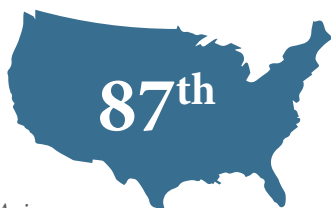
★ *Gilbert, Arizona by the Numbers*

+ 235,493

2014 Gilbert Population



Largest City in Arizona



Largest City in the U.S.

32.6

Median Age

AZ: 36.5 | U.S. 37.7

\$80,080

Median Household Income

AZ: \$48,915 | U.S. \$52,076

72.6 Square Miles

Gilbert is Larger than:
Washington D.C.

Boston

Miami

Minneapolis



★ *Award-Winning Community*

#22

*Best Place to Live
in the U.S.*

Money Magazine

#2

*Safest City
in the U.S.*

Law Street Media

#3

*Best City to Find
a Job in the U.S.*

Money Magazine

#12

*Fastest Growing
Community in
the U.S.*

U.S. Census Bureau

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*Best Community
for Hispanic
Entrepreneurs*

WalletHub

#1

*City for
Working Parents*

WalletHub

#2

*Best City
for Veterans*

WalletHub

#5

*Best Food
Neighborhood in
Metro Phoenix*

Phoenix New Times

#9

*Best City
for Families*

WalletHub

#8

*8-Time Playful
City USA Honoree*

KaBoom!

★ Solid Financial Plan

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Credit Rating Upgrades in 2014

10 increases in the last 3 years*

*Important to note: most municipal credit ratings during the recession were downgrades, not upgrades.

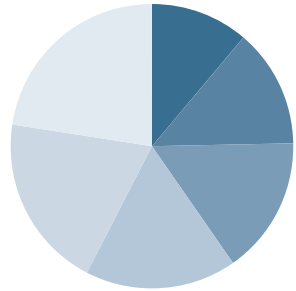
AA+

Gilbert's Current
Credit Rating

★ High-Performing Government

Gilbert's full-time employee to resident ratio is the lowest in the region:

- Gilbert - 5.3
- Chandler - 6.4
- Glendale - 7.4
- Mesa - 8.2
- Tempe - 9.4
- Scottsdale - 10.7



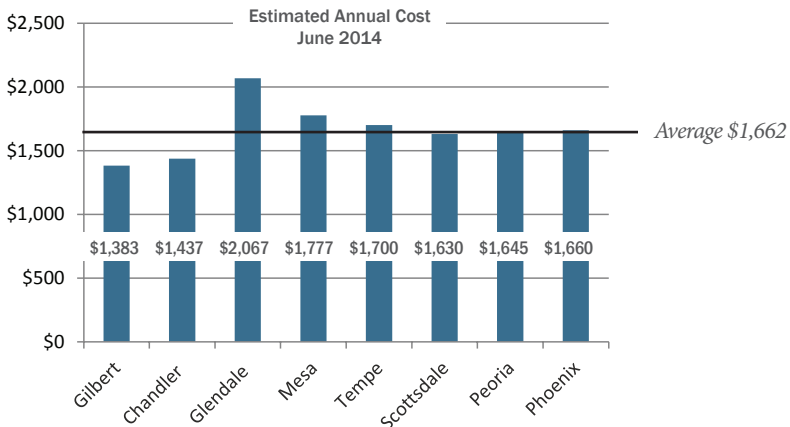
\$26M

Saved in Interest Over the Past 3 Years
by Managing Debt

\$6.7M

Estimated Innovation and Efficiencies
Saved in FY14

Gilbert's average household cost for property tax, sales tax, water, wastewater and solid waste services is the lowest in the region.



★ *Economic Development & Community Investment*



*Opening of the
Vaughn Avenue
Parking Structure*



1,551

Jobs Announced

Breaking Ground

*Groundbreaking initiated on \$750M
Rivulon Development*

*Part of 3.1M square feet of Class A Office Space planned, doubling
Gilbert's current inventory.*

*Isagenix International, LLC announced the construction of their world
headquarters to be in Rivulon.*



\$245,855,584
Capital Investment

Education

Saint Xavier University, 4-story building (90,000 square feet) satellite campus under construction in Gilbert's Heritage District

Saint Xavier will be Gilbert's 1st university

Small Business

Launch of the **SizeUp LBI Tool** in support of small businesses in Gilbert

Taking Care of Small Business (TCSB) Program launched to support emerging small businesses

Innovation

Orbital Sciences Corporation started production of 81 satellites for the Iridium NEXT program, making their facility the largest satellite manufacturer in the world

★ *Community Highlights*

- + Gilbert Police opened Joint Holding Facility with Chandler Police Department, keeping more officers on the street
- + Gilbert Fire and Rescue launched new mobile app in Partnership with SPARK App League (Download at www.gilbertfireapp.com)
- + Gilbert Feeding Families raised over 114,000 meals for Gilbert families and the United Food Bank
- + All 3 public school districts are A-rated
- + Teen Space opened at Southeast Regional Library
- + Gilbert launched new website
- + Gilbert residents officially named Gilbertonians

★ *What's Ahead in 2015*

+ 240,000

Estimated Gilbert Population

Gilbert to participate in Special Census to provide accurate population count for State Shared Revenue purposes



Fire Station #7 will officially relocate to the intersection of Cooper and Warner Roads

1ST 
Opening of Gilbert's first four-year educational institution, Saint Xavier University, this fall

Opening of Isagenix's Corporate Headquarters in Rivulon

Phase II

of the Parks and Recreation's Master Plan and unveiling of the south Gilbert Park

Breaking Ground on Agritopia's Epicenter

Additional Growth in the Heritage District

- + Lo-Lo's Chicken & Waffles
- + Barrio Queen Cafe
- + Snooze AM Eatery
- + Pomo Pizzeria Napoletana
- + Petersen's Old Fashioned Ice Cream
- + Ticket Force

3 *New lakes will be added to Gilbert's Community Fishing Program*





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